

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Mark Farley, Esq. on 1-21-10.

The application has been amended as follows:

Clams 41-43, and 50-53 have been canceled.

Reasons for allowance

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Van Slyke is the nearest prior art to claims 33 and 45 and provides for collecting animal waste matter temporarily inhibiting urease by lowering the pH and then separating the waste into solid and liquid fractions, but Van Slyke does not teach, nor does it fairly suggest using one of the enumerated inhibitors in claims 33 or 45 in order to irreversibly inhibit urease activity in the urea-rich fraction of the waste material.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Lucas Stelling whose telephone number is (571)270-3725. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 12:00PM to 5:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Duane Smith can be reached on 571-272-1166. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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